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SUBJECT: GREECE'S CRUDE OIL SUPPLY PROBLEM or FOI EXEMPTIONS

1. NATIONAL PETROLEUM PRODUCTS SERVICE OFFICIAL INFORMED
EMBASSY GOG MAY HAVE TO INTRODUCE RATIONING OF PETROLEUM
PRODUCTS WITHIN NEXT TWO MONTHS IF ARAB-ISRAELI WAR CONTINUES.
INCOMING CRUDE SHIPMENTS ARE SUFFICIENT TO COVER OCTOBER
REQUIREMENTS. HOWEVER, SHORTAGES ARE ANTICIPATED IN
NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER. WITH LOSS OF EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN
SOURCES WHICH ACCOUNT FOR ABOUT 60 PER CENT OF TOTAL GREEK
IMPORTS OF CRUDE, GREECE WILL DEPEND MORE HEAVILY ON CRUDE FROM
PERSIAN GULF. CURRENT FREIGHT RATES ON SHIPMENTS FROM
PERSIAN GULF (\$36-\$37 PER TON) AND HIGHER CRUDE PRICES
WILL SOON BE REFLECTED IN HIGHER RETAIL POL PRICES.

2. COMMENT: GOG IS ACTIVELY SEEKING ENSURE FUTURE CRUDE
SUPPLIES AND GREATER RELIANCE ON LIBYAN CRUDE IS DISTINCT
POSSIBILITY.
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